

Covenantal pledges for discussions about issues of sexuality

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- We expect that the full range of issues of human sexuality exists within the church;
- We acknowledge that gay and lesbian [bisexual, transgender, queer] persons (as well as members of other sexual minorities*) are in the Church;
- We will always assume that gays or lesbians (or representatives of other sexual minorities*) are present:
- While we disagree on issues we will use language which respects the dignity of others;
- We will respect the right of people to 'name' themselves and their experience.
- If we ask a question, we will be prepared to respond to it ourselves;
- We will respect people's privacy;
- We will respect people's integrity as people of faith.

*eg. singles, seniors, otherly abled, the sick, the dying, sexually abused, etc.